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FIGHT FOR FIVE

# CFA union warns “a storm is coming”

By Raechel Price  
Contributor writer

Members of the California Faculty Association at San Jose State don their red shirts for the first week of classes as the “fight for five” continues across the state.

Pending the results of an independent fact-finding process, due to be published sometime in March, the CFA is preparing to take job action, including strike, in response to a stagnation in the collective bargaining process between the CFA and the California State University administration.

“We appeal for the support of the students to prevent this strike and

achieve some fairness in their compensation,” said Preston Rudy, professor of sociology and president of the CFA chapter at SJSU.

The dates of strike activity will be announced on the weekend of Feb. 5. As questions of the impacts on class meetings and office hours arise, the members of the CFA have promised that this strike will not harm students.

“We want to minimize any disruption to students, and will be working very hard from now through April to pressure the Chancellor to make the right decision.” Rudy said.

The CFA is gaining the support of labor councils all over the state, including a general statement of support from the California Federation of Labor, which represents over 1200 unions and 2.1 million workers statewide.

On Jan 19, the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor was added to the growing list of labor councils in the state to support the CFA's strike action, vowing to not cross picket lines if they become a reality. Executive Director Rusty Hicks joined CFA

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SPARTANS FLY HIGH



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Spartan's center Frank Rodgers soars up for the dunk in their dominating win over Air Force on Saturday.

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TIME TO WALK THE TALK

# World-Class City eyes ballot

By Rebecca Pirayou  
Staff writer

This month, the Spartans for a World-Class City are preparing to take further action in their goal to get a tax measure put on the November ballot.

Spartans for a World-Class City are student advocates for San Joseans for a World-Class City, a campaign that aims to make San Jose, one of the wealthiest cities in the nation, live up to that standard.

According to the San Joseans for a World-Class City website, “San Jose is the richest city in the USA, but at the same time, San Jose has the 8th worst roads in the nation, a \$1 billion backlog for public infrastructure projects, and 400 less police officers and almost 100 less firefighters than a decade ago.”

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POSITIVE CHANGES

# President Sue Martin updates student media

By Ryan Vermont & Tyler Kittle  
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Continuing her efforts to be involved with San Jose State University's student body, interim president Susan Martin entered the conference room inside Tower Hall dressed head to toe in blue, wheeling in her Spartan colored bicycle.

She said her role as interim president has been positive, but there is still work to be

done around campus.

“I think we can do things that can really advance the image of this university and help people better understand how old it is and how important it is to the future of California and our national economy,” said Martin.

After seven years at Eastern Michigan University, and her time as interim president

at SJSU, Martin was encouraged by peers to retain her spot as president, yet she admitted she needed a break because she wasn't ready to commit to the time duration that SJSU desired from her, so she withdrew her name from the running for president.

The CSU board of trustees appointed Mary Papazian as

the new president on Wednesday, January 27. Martin suggested that Papazian could become a long-term president.

“She's originally from California, so the likelihood of that she'd be coming home and be willing to stay for a while, because I really think we need a long-term president

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NEW FLEX ZONE

# VTA Flex aims for better commute

By Jovanni Arroyo-Camberos  
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The Valley Transportation Authority released its Flex pilot program to kick off 2016 that allows residents to use their smartphones to call for a ride in Santa Clara County and could potentially come to SJSU.

The VTA began the program

on Jan. 11 which hopes to solve the problem of having commuters drive to the light rail or other VTA services.

“It's an on-demand connection service between our regular transit stops in

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## OSCARS

2016 Predictions



Best Actor:  
Leonardo DiCaprio



Best Film:  
The Revenant



Best Director:  
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President Jennifer Eagan at CSU LA to announce the federation's support of the CFA's actions. "When we grant strike sanction it means... that the mail doesn't get delivered, the trash doesn't get picked up and construction on these campuses ceases," Hicks said.

The CFA's announcement came before the Chancellor's latest open forum at CSU LA, an effort by White to visit every campus in the CSU system. During the open forum at SJSU last November, White was confronted by CFA members and supporting students. White responded to questions regarding the CFA bargaining process by saying he was not at liberty to discuss the

situation, but insisted that he understands the value of faculty because he himself was once a faculty member. "Chancellor White has said several times, including here in November, that Presidents bring value to CSU. That means faculty don't. So I conclude that he sees no reason to pay faculty, because they should volunteer their work rather than be paid for their work," Rudy said. Last spring, the CFA met with CSU Chancellor Tim White to reopen salary negotiations for the year two of the union's three-year contract. The CFA is calling for a five percent salary increase, which it says is necessary to keep teachers in the middle class, and would ameliorate the pay cuts and wage increase stagnations that oc-

curred during the great recession years. Chancellor White's office answered this request with a two percent increase, which it has maintained as its best and final offer. Chancellor White has repeatedly refused to answer questions or give statements regarding the bargaining process. "CFA's bargaining team has said over and over that they are willing to meet to negotiate an agreement, which means both sides talk rather than issue ultimatums. As I understand the situation, the Chancellor insists that all the CSU can pay faculty is 2% more," Rudy said. For now, Rudy says the ball is in the Chancellor's court.

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here, we've had a lot of turnover, not just in the presidency, but also in the cabinet," Martin said. Martin also touched on a number of campus developments such as the aquatic and recreation center, student union, and south campus changes. She said that some of the campus facilities were aging, but didn't mention a time table regarding the developments. On Jan 27, the California Faculty Association sent out an email requesting that the CSU trustees reject the proposed recommendations to automate student fees, which would force students to pay more for school functions rather than have public support. "If you did a modest increase, and you can plan for it, then parents and students would know that when you enroll, that your fees are not going to go up more than this much and you would see the total cost of your college education and it would be honestly revealed" said Martin. This week is Super Bowl 50 and its impact on

SJSU has become predominant. Martin said that traffic will be heavy, but hoped that the additional traffic would lead to more publicity for the University. One of the teams playing in the big game, the Carolina Panthers, will be practicing at the Spartan Stadium, and the amount of people on and around campus is expected to increase. Spartan Stadium also received a free new turf field, courtesy of the Host Committee. Martin said that she learned how much companies in the Silicon Valley value SJSU students when she visited Cisco Headquarters with other Silicon Valley leaders. "You're like the rocks supplying the talent and nobody really knows that externally," she said. Martin said she hopes that San Jose State University will have a brighter image in the future to better represent this idea. "I will very fondly remember San Jose State and I will personally benefit a great deal from everything I've learned here," Martin said.

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Raymond Baltazar | Staff Writer

President Martin listens while Spartan Daily staff asks her questions about her past year as president of San Jose State University.

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The campaign more specifically aims impose a measure on the November ballot that would reform the business tax, providing money to San Jose's general fund that would help improve the issues that the city is facing. Such issues are hiring more public servants, creating more jobs with wages that would support the standard cost of living and repair-

ing the roads. The Spartans for a World-Class City took a step in making San Jose a world-class city last semester by partnering up with the Applied Research Center on the SJSU Campus and conducting a poll that would further aid in a study that would determine if voters would support the campaign and having the measure on a future ballot. "Students are involved in outreach to local businesses or non-profit organizations to get them to

endorse the campaign. There are a lot of leadership opportunities in this campaign," said SJSU sociology professor and organizer for the San Joseans for a World-Class City, Dr. Scott Myers-Lipton. With the election coming up this November, the Spartans for a World-Class City have created a petition in which they will be obtaining signatures for around campus in the coming weeks in order to have the business tax measure on the ballot. By law, San Jose City Council requires that the petition reach 20,000 signatures in order for the measure to be put on the November ballot. Spartans for a World-Class City gives students the opportunity to get involved in helping San Jose live up to its full potential. The next step in this process is to gather signatures for the petition. In order to do that, the Spartans for a World-Class City is encouraging students and other members of the community to volunteer to help obtain

signatures. The Spartans for a World-Class City encourages students to take initiative and engage in leadership roles. "We're going to be training student leaders on campus to essentially go out and gather signatures and motivate other people to get signatures ... we feel with enough student effort that SJSU can make it happen," said SJSU fifth year sociology student, Jerry Wilburn. Volunteers will come together at the Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence on 234 E. Gish St. for training on Saturday, February 6 at 9 a.m. Reflecting on past endeavors that the Spartans for a World-Class City were successful in, Wilburn is hopeful that the SJSU community will work together and get the necessary amount of signatures. "The campaign is a chance to do democracy ... a chance for students to actually do democracy," says Dr. Myers-Lipton.

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high density employment centers or retail centers that are a little bit hard to get to with fixed routes," said media spokesperson Stacey Hendler Ross. The service is currently in its piloting phase, and is only being tested in the North San Jose area to facilitate workers of the big companies like Cisco and Samsung. "It's a bus that can take multiple people around and figure out the route efficiently to take multiple people and drop them off where they need to go in a timely way," Ross said. "The reason we are starting this in one particular area is we want to see if this is actually a valuable resource for people to use, and we started in a high density area where there are lots of employees and lots of companies or about 30,000 workers in this pilot area and about 17,000 residents living in apartments in the area," Ross said. The three mile radius area will run for six months. After the six months of the program's pilot phase, the VTA will then assess its impact on the area and could potentially

expand to other areas of Santa Clara County. "Our analysis show that in its current service area Flex on-demand transit can benefit 95 SJSU students for easy connection to a light rail station for their commute to campus," Transportation Solutions manager Eyedin Zonobi said. Students who plan on commuting in future semesters could also find it easier if they do not live near a transit station. "If they do not live close to a transit station they could have Flex pick them up and drop them off at their nearest transit station and then take transportation into San Jose State," Ross said. This could become the answer to Uber and Lyft for VTA. The program adds another alternative for SJSU students when they look for a ride during lunch or are trying to get to bus stations that take time to walk to. "I know a lot of people who live in Milpitas, which is about 15 minutes away from SJSU and commute. However, they have to drive to the VTA station and park there and then take the VTA to school," said

Amanda Yau senior Arts and Illustration major at SJSU. "So with this, when people are carpooling or catching rides, it might save them a lot of time, or save them from being tardy multiple times." The on-demand service could also reduce the contribution of air pollution by reducing the amount of commuters driving on the streets. "We recognize that the demand for passenger transport is constantly increasing and too often, commuter requirements are met by the private car contributing to congestion, pollution, parking demand and traffic accidents," Zonobi said. The VTA is currently running from Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and can be requested all through the palm of your hand using a smartphone. Fares range from \$2 for a single ride during off-peak hours and \$3 during peak hours. The program is expected to expand pending on the results of the pilot phase.

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# A little slice of heaven for SJSU students

By **Dakotah Zabroski**  
Opinion editor

Sammy G's is a brand new pizzeria that screams "come eat here San Jose state students." Located right across from CVB where the old book store use to be is the latest crave for food junkies.

I've worked at a pizza place for five years where we always had different craft beers on tap, so brews and pizza pie are my forte.

When I first walked in I was greeted by a friendly staff who were quick to answer any questions I had.

The staff were very conversational and created a lively atmosphere despite being one of the only people there (I went in the middle of the day on a Tuesday).

The restaurant was very clean and the décor creates a sleek, modern feel that would make any college student feel welcome.

Before I started to grub on pizza I did what any of age person should do before eating pizza and grabbed a nice cold beer.

I had a Grapefruit Sculpin from Ballast Point, which for those of you who don't know is a well-sought out brew by the beer community.

It was a great way to start off my meal, but I was more impressed with their selection of beer from craft breweries.

The menu had a wide variety of food from loaded tater tots to a burrito pizza and of course your standard pepperoni pizza.

I went with a group of friends

to make sure I was able to try plenty of different items.

For appetizers I got cheesy bacon fries and sourdough cheesy bread.

That was without a doubt the right call. There is nothing more annoying than getting fries with toppings on them and getting a bunch of uncovered fries at the bottom.

That was not the case here as I was able to have gooey cheese and crispy bacon on every bite.

The cheesy bread didn't skimp on cheese either. It came with a side of ranch and marinara sauce that complimented the cheesy goodness.

For my pizza I got two different kinds, a standard pepperoni and bacon pizza and a specialty known as the El Presidente which had garlic sauce, carnitas, salsa verde, black beans, tomatoes, green onion, cilantro and a drizzle of La Vic's

orange sauce.

The pizza was really good, but I've had better. I was disappointed in how little bacon I got on my pizza, especially considering how much they were loaded onto the bacon fries.

The crust was crispy on the outside but slightly undercooked on the inside. (For which I'd recommend to slightly turn down the oven and cook for a bit longer) The El Presidente looked intimidating to try, but I'm happier now after trying it.

I'm all for off the wall pizzas and this one definitely delivered.

All the ingredients complimented each other and the addition of La Vic's orange sauce and cilantro was the perfect topping to the pizza.

I had a great experience for my first time losing my Sammy G's

virginity, but there could be room for improvements.

Ranch goes with pizza like peanut butter and jelly, but the ranch at Sammy G's was subpar. It tasted really similar to Caesar dressing and didn't satisfy my craving for ranch.

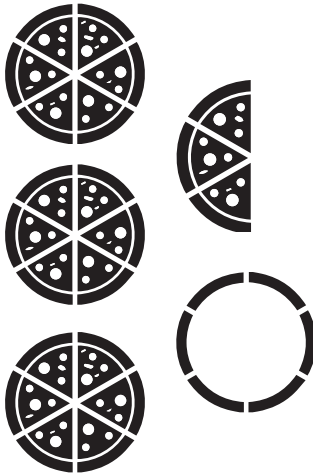
The pricing wasn't terribly expensive but wasn't cheap either.

They have drink specials such as bottomless mimosas Fridays through Sundays which should make any college student get up early on the weekend. This special is a redeeming quality considering the price.

I definitely plan on being back for pizza, brews and a good time with the friendly staff.



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Preview

## Cinequest Film Festival 2016

By **Leticia Castro**  
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This year, Cinequest is all about the future. From March 1-13, the festival will introduce a three-screen movie theater, new virtual reality technology, and movies and awards handed out to the best of the best in film at theaters around downtown San Jose.

Barco Escape has created a new way of viewing movies. Instead of a boring one screen movie, why not have three screens to watch.

Barco is a global technology company which designs and develops network visualization products for entertainment and more.

The screens can convey one story on all three screens, having more space for visuals and action or have three different perspectives of a scene in an action movie.

Barco Escape trailed the three screen experience with "The Maze Runner" and "The Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials."

Cinequest will be previewing new movies with the Barco Escape experience.

This year the Maverick award will have three recipients: James Franco, Rita Moreno and Robert "Bob" Hawk.

Franco will be awarded the Maverick award on Sunday, Feb. 28, in Palo Alto at 3:30 p.m. He is not only an actor but he is also a director, producer, writer, author, performance artist, meta-explorer and teacher.

Franco starred in movies from "Pineapple Express" to "127 Hours."

Franco also dipped his toes in the soap opera world, with his infamous stint on "General Hospital" playing

a psycho artist named Franco.

Rita Moreno is one of few artists to achieve a "grand slam" in show business with the EGOT—an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony. She gained her Hollywood status with her breakout role in "West Side Story."

Moreno will also be awarded the Maverick award on Saturday, March 5, at 7 p.m. at the California Theatre in downtown San Jose.

A world premiere screening of Moreno's new comedy "Remember Me" will also take place on the same day.

Robert "Bob" Hawk will accept his award on Friday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Camera 12 Cinema.

Hawk is not just an actor, he has worked on cinematic voices, served on the advisory selection committee of the Sundance Film Festival, the advisory boards of The Legacy Project, Cinequest and Independent Film Week.

He also founded San Francisco's Film Arts Festival in 1985 and was the director for eight years.

A screening of "Film Hawk," Hawks new movie will be previewed before the award discussion.

The 2016 Cinequest Film Festival has been voted Best Film Festival by USA Today readers.

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# And the Oscar goes to...

By Kato Guzman  
Multimedia editor

While a few movies dominate this year’s Oscar nominees, many names might leave moviegoers scratching their heads trying to figure out who these people are or why some of this year’s favorites aren’t on that list.

Leading the nominees is director Alejandro González Iñárritu’s “The Revenant” with 12 nominations.

Last year Iñárritu won three Oscars with “Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance).”

Director George Miller’s return to the sandbox with “Mad Max: Fury Road” is a close second with 10 nominations and is being chased by Matt Damon starrer “The Martian” with seven nominations.

Multiple categories are filled with recognizable names from unrecognizable films for anyone outside of the artsy film circuit.

Jennifer Lawrence is looking at another Best Actress nomination for her work in “Joy.”

Bryan Cranston is nominated for his portrayal as blacklisted screenwriter Dalton Trumbo in the aptly titled “Trumbo.”

The mega-blockbuster sensation “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” returns to the light side with five nominations. The latest installment in the Star Wars franchise has been nominated for film editing, music (original score), sound editing and mixing and special effects.

Composer John Williams has won five Oscars, one of which was for the first Star Wars film and among the other wins were “Jaws,” “E.T.” and “Schindler’s List.”

This year’s Oscar race is not without controversy.

Fan favorites overlapped with critically acclaimed this year with two big films yet the snubs snubbed on.

“Straight Outta Compton” was loved by critics and audiences, yet the nominees from the film are the white screenwriters.

Sylvester Stallone has been nominated for his portrayal of Rocky Balboa for the second time, but many “Creed” fans wonder why Michael B. Jordan’s performance was overlooked.

Director Spike Lee has launched a boycott of this year’s Oscars.

The filmmaker is enraged that for the second year in a row the Best Actor nominees are all white.

He claims the issue is not with the Academy itself, but suggests the lack of representation of minorities in films overall is responsible.

“The truth is we ain’t in those rooms and until minorities are, the Oscar nominees will remain lily-white,” the Academy Award nominated filmmaker said on his Instagram account.

Lily-white is a term used to describe an organization made up purely of white individuals.

Some critics of his words suggest his frustration stems from his most recent film flop “Chi-Raq” which was marketed as an art film but passed over by the Academy.

Jada Pinkett Smith announced her support of the boycott, criticizing the award nominations for lacking people of color.

Her critics argue that she is only joining the boycott because her husband, Will Smith, was not nominated for his work in “Concussion.”

Will Smith was nominated for Best Actor in 2002 for “Ali” which he lost to “Training Day” actor Denzel Washington and again in 2007 for “The Pursuit of Happyness” which he lost to Forest Whitaker’s performance in “The Last King of Scotland.”

The Academy responded quickly and released a statement at Oscars.org to announce several changes to member voting status to phase out older non-working Academy members and they announced an “ambitious, global campaign to identify and recruit qualified new members who represent greater diversity.”

This will be Chris Rock’s second time hosting the awards ceremony, the first was in 2005. The controversial host is known for his quick wit and smart rhetoric. Rock announced that he will rework his material to fit the conversation.

Many viewers eagerly await Chris Rock’s commentary on the issue when he hosts this year’s ceremony on Feb. 28.

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Best Film:
The Revenant
The Big Short
Room
Spotlight

Best Actor:
L. DiCaprio
M. Damon
B. Cranston
M. Fassbender

## The Nominees

Best Actress:
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Best Director:
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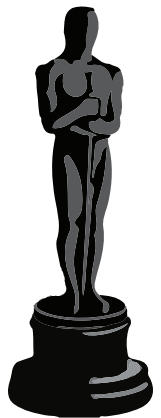


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# Broncos vs. Panthers? Beyonce scores the win Super Bowl halftime and commercials steal the show

By Rebecca Pirayou  
Staff writer

Super Bowl 50 hosts the Denver Broncos and the Carolina Panthers at Levi’s Stadium in Santa Clara, California and is projected to bring in over 100 million viewers, more than ever before.

As the 50th Super Bowl, the audience continues to grow, but the question stands as to whether these viewers are watching for the football game or the entertainment surrounding the game such as halftime shows, commercials and viewing parties.

The Super Bowl tends to bring in fans of all kinds, whether they watch football or not.

Liona Memary, international business major at SJSU, said she’s not much of a football person.

“It’s more of just the hype of a fun game and everybody watching so I’m pretty much just doing the same thing,” Memary said.

Not everyone who watches the Super Bowl is exactly well versed in football as they are in pop culture.

“It’s more for the entertainment than it is the football since I don’t really know much about football except that Beyonce is going to sing there,” Memary said.

According to a 2011 study conducted by the Retail Advertising and Marketing Association, 47 percent of viewers tuning into the Super Bowl were watching for the game itself. Less than half the viewers are in it for the game while 25.8 percent watch for commercials, 19.5 percent are there for the party and 7.7 percent watch for the halftime show.

All of these aspects come together

in one place to create an event that has something for everyone, whether they like sports or not, generating one of the most viewed televised events of the year.

In fact, the Super Bowl is one big advertising ploy. According to CBS Network President, Leslie Moonves, in order to have a commercial air during the Super Bowl, brands may pay up to \$5 million for a slot during the highly televised event.

With the amount of people watching the Super Bowl, these brands generate a great amount of revenue. Companies do everything in their power to make sure that their commercials are the most unforgettable of the year.

The 47 percent majority ultimately trumps the rest. Even with all the fanfare surrounding the entertainment aspect of the Super Bowl, diehard NFL fans still exist.

SJSU marketing senior David Kiryakos said he’s been following this whole NFL season and is excited for it to all finally come together and crown a victor.

“This year, I’m looking forward to touchdown celebrations, awesome interceptions, and a great competition here in Santa Clara,” Kiryakos said.

Regardless of whether the audience is there for the Beyonce concert, a new Doritos commercial, Peyton Manning’s butt or the actual outcome of the game, it brings people of all demographics together to celebrate on common ground.

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# How legitimate are your Facebook share links?

## Be aware of what you share if you really care

By Melissa Hartman  
Staff writer

Oh, Facebook. The social media platform that hasn't been used much by young people since 2012, but has been used obsessively by middle-aged women and grandparents since the beginning of the website's time.

Besides the truly troubling game requests from our great aunts to play Farmville, the next most irritating phenomenon on Facebook is sharing links that end up being false. This may even be something that each of us is guilty of doing.

We've all seen the Facebook links along the lines of, "Share for a chance to win a vacation getaway." No one could ever forget when people in Southern California believed headlines such as, "Mystery light brings aliens down to the Earth." Most Facebook links your friends share are real, and many others sound real, which makes it hard to sort through the mix.

According to Wired, Facebook is fully aware of the fact that Sarah Palin joining Al Jazeera is not feasible. To try to keep themselves legitimate, Facebook has created a flagging option that allows you to report the video or link for multiple reasons, including it being annoying or a fake news story (to name a few).

According to CNN, 83 million Facebook accounts are for companies, pets, or are just straight up fake.

So we already have crazy people making hoax profiles for catfish, and now there are

also links trying to freak people out about pretty much every topic under the sun. Facebook's flagging option can only do so much, since the company says that they won't remove heavily flagged links completely. Though a disclaimer will be provided, people are gullible, and the circulation will continue.

Another aspect to think about is how opposing views could play into reporting these links. Don't believe that Donald Trump is trying to ruin America... I mean, make America great again? You can just flag that post and make it "less true." Yes, that would only be one flag.

However, imagine that person's friends seeing the post and flagging it too. Soon enough, people who still don't believe in climate change will have put a disclaimer on every climate change article on Facebook.

Adrienne LaFrance, a senior associate editor at The Atlantic, hit the nail on the head when she told Nieman Lab, "Facebook is adding a layer of what looks like editorial accountability without actually taking on the responsibility of figuring out what's true." The website knows they have a problem, but they've just handed it off to every user who views these videos.

In addition, there are also websites that give you access to intentionally make up fake posts to put onto any social media website, including Facebook. One of the first links like this that will pop up is www.pranklink.com, formerly known as www.fakeshare.com .

Promising to be "easy and fun," this website has fake headlines about topics from Ebola all the way to another Chipotle scam.



It seems this is another extreme to the story, where people not only know that some Facebook links are false, but they want to create more fake ones to scare their friends.

I don't know what kind of messed up person creates their own facetious links, but with a template and example headlines like "All Taco Bells To Close By June 1st," I don't think the madness will ever stop.

It seems like most Facebook scams of late are detectable because they follow the same process. In the past month, HoaxSlayer reports that multiple links that list popular food chain names like KFC, Wendy's and McDonalds have been listed along with a promise to be able to win a "lifetime pass" to the restaurants.

Once you open the link, it takes you into another fraudulent page which appears to be connected to Facebook but is not. To continue the circulation of the fake link, it requires you to share it with friends or groups you belong to and is then followed by a survey.

If the survey asks for really personal information, it probably isn't safe and you should exit out of it immediately. This will deny third party groups the opportunity of taking your information from the link and spamming you and potentially earning money from a lie.

Next time you share something from Facebook, or any social media for that matter, make sure you check its legitimacy.

Make sure that the website is real and credible. Do your friends a favor and stop freaking them out.

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# A Sunday full of wings, inflated waistlines and empty wallets

By Nick Avila  
Staff writer

While Super Bowl Sunday may just be another Sunday to some, it's a whole other level of Sunday when it comes to football fans.

It's a day to cheer on that team you're betting on, a day to act like you care about who wins even though your team was out of playoff contention by week 13 and a day to enjoy five hours of pregame shows — OK, well maybe not that last one.

Most importantly, it's a day to indulge and eat food you said you'd give up last month. You get to lay around the house with your family and friends and enjoy the last NFL football game until August.

While only fans of the two teams get to say their team made it to the Super Bowl, everyone else is fortunate enough to enjoy all the spoils that come with the big day. And the spoils really are astonishing.

So many chicken wings devoured, even the Chick-fil-A cows will be calling for better treatment of poultry.

According to Huffington Post in 2013, Americans will eat an estimated 1.23 billion chicken wings on Super Bowl Sunday. But, that's just the beginning.

From that same story, Americans will eat over 80 million avocados, will also run through 11 million pounds of chips and millions of pizzas. How will fans wash it all down, you ask?

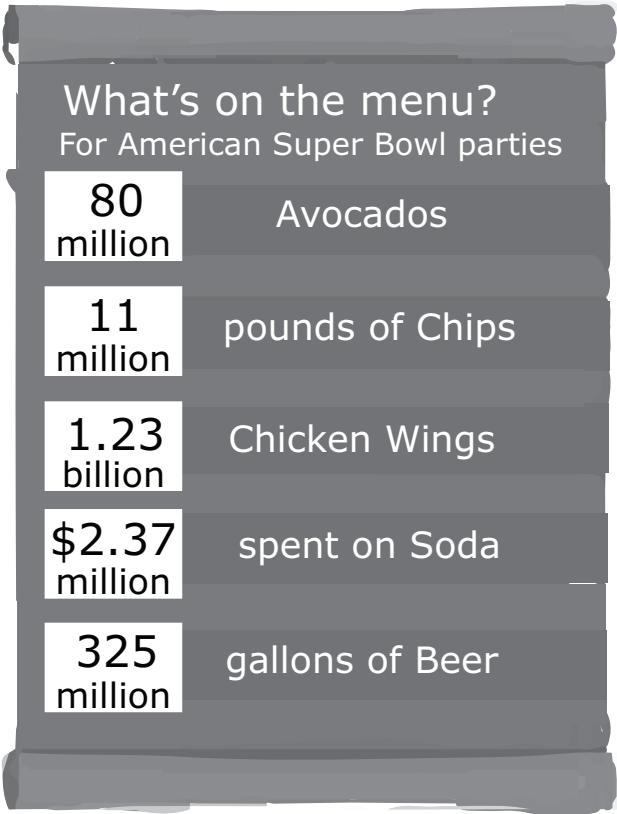
With \$2.37 million worth of soda and over 325 million gallons of beer.

What does all that do to your body? Well, for starters, the average American will consume 2400 calories and over 121 grams of fat, according to the Calorie Control Council.

That means, depending on your weight, you would have to run almost a full 26.2 mile marathon to burn those calories off at one time.

This is just to put the calories into perspective, I don't advise anyone to take off running after eating that much food, obviously.

Alright, enough of me playing doctor and enough info on the effects of all that food.



Infographic by Kevin Mistry

I know you're wondering in your head, or maybe you've even pulled out a calculator, how much money billions of wings and millions of pounds of chips adds up to.

Just how much is truly spent on the big day in America?

According to Statista, in 2015 Americans spent over \$14 billion on Super Bowl items, such as food and drinks but also things like decorations and furniture for their parties.

Now when you're finding that perfect seat, try to stay at bay from your uncle who won't let up about how he would have went pro if it weren't for his bum knee.

In between the high fives and constant trips to the fridge, be sure to enjoy the game. If you're enjoying that game with carrot sticks or celery and low-fat ranch dressing, more power to you.

However, if you're the majority and are double-fisting wings and beers like it's your first time at Buffalo Wild Wings, remember that one day of ridiculous eating won't destroy your diet.

When the dust settles and that alarm is going off on Monday morning, hold your salty, water-retained head up high and remember it was all worth it.

There's nothing quite like Super Bowl Sunday and it only happens once a year.

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Little Blue Soldier

# Divided States of America

By **Jeremy Cummings**  
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When I was eight years old, my family moved across the United States from Maryland to California. My dad flew ahead to start his new job while my mom, my sister and I drove in our old gray Honda station wagon.

One day in the middle of that trip we were in a small gift shop in Ogallala, Nebraska, and I found myself eyeing a display of little toy Civil War soldiers that had been fashioned out of clothespins.

After careful consideration I made my choice — a cavalryman brandishing his sword while perched atop a rearing stallion.

My mom made me go back and choose a different toy though. Without fully understanding what it meant, I had chosen a gray-clad confederate and my mom wanted me to have one of the little blue Union soldiers. I still have that little blue soldier, and he has stayed on my desk for all of these years.

That little blue soldier marked the beginning of my political awareness.

Learning that something as simple as the color of a uniform could mean so much rattled my little eight-year-old brain.

Fast forward 14 years. President Obama just gave his final State of the Union address. He said what every president apparently has to

during their SOTU, that the state of our union is strong (waits for applause to subside).

I disagree though. The state of our union is not strong. But the biggest threat to our union isn't ISIS, or tax cuts, or gay marriage or any of that. It's the politically driven divisions between average Americans that keep us from working together toward a better future.

America has always been divided. Whether it's left and right, rich and poor, white people and minorities, these

divisions have controlled our country's narrative for it's entire lifespan. But there are people out there who have made sickeningly profitable careers for themselves by exploiting and increasing these divisions.

It's the politicians who spew lies from their pulpits to gain support. It's members of the mainstream media who produce their steady stream of half-truths for better ratings. It's billionaire corporations who try to hide their greed by funding information wars that keep us angry and scared for our safety.

A divided populace makes for a strong establishment. As long as we buy into the lies politicians and the media tell, Americans will

fight each other rather than realizing what truly threatens us.

Right now is the perfect time to discuss politics. We are now officially living in an election year, so the presidential rhetoric hurricane will be blowing at full force.

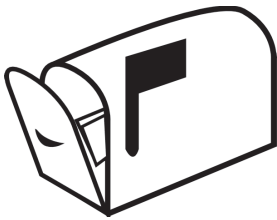
Rhetoric is dangerous. Politicians know that people will repeat their slogans and talking points. I do it. We all do it. We're just sponges soaking up ideas that will later be squeezed out of us. And since politicians, especially at the presidential level, are only considered successful if they fight against the opposite party, it makes the rest of us think it's okay to attack each other for political beliefs.

It makes me really sad that “liberal” and “conservative” are used as insults so often. There are certain things everyone wants and needs like education, employment and clean water, but since I voted for Obama, no one who supported Romney will even listen to what I have to say about these things.

If we could stop fighting each other for one second we might realize that our leaders, by creating such a political climate, are making us tear our own country apart.



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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

### Previous Solutions

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### Crossword Puzzle

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#### ACROSS

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6 “\_\_\_\_\_ about right”  
11 Foot, to a vet  
14 Santa Fe brick  
15 Actor M. \_\_\_\_\_ Walsh  
16 Biblical verb suffix  
17 “Something Wicked This Way Comes” writer  
19 Greek F  
20 Present for sale  
21 Weds secretly  
23 “Don’t bet \_\_\_\_\_!”  
26 Walked heavily  
28 Momentous occasion  
29 Prohibit by law  
30 Levin or Gershwin  
32 Key times, historically  
33 Big galoot  
34 San Francisco vehicles  
38 Going somewhere  
40 Refrigerator drawer  
43 Mercedes or Volvo  
45 Bowl yell  
46 Repair socks  
48 Butter serving  
49 Were up to date?  
50 Construct, as a skyscraper

#### DOWN

- 52 Kingly address  
55 Parrot’s rival  
56 Fictionalized  
58 “Do-Re-Mi” scale  
60 Hockey great Bobby  
61 Bright spots, really  
66 Wether report?  
67 Defy openly  
68 Blue shade  
69 Inkless pen  
70 Swings around  
71 Pluperfect, for one  
10 Manner  
11 Defense in a can  
12 Acropolis figure  
13 Some types of card games  
18 Rudder’s position  
22 Cricket rounds  
23 Melancholy instrument  
24 Indian flatbread

- 25 Sci-fi weapon, perhaps  
27 Inferior stuff  
31 Plot size, sometimes  
34 Type of fastball  
35 Using as a perch  
36 Synagogue platforms  
37 Cooling system, informally  
39 Bit of prevention?  
41 Make, as money  
42 “Cheers” co-star’s first name  
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# Young guns clicking for Men's Basketball

By Tony Nunez  
Staff writer

If Saturday's 75-54 Mountain West win over Air Force was an indication of the future, the San Jose State Spartans men's basketball team has a bright one.

Not only did SJSU play its most complete game of the year, but it did so behind a plethora of young players.

The Spartans started three true freshmen and had two other underclassmen contribute important minutes in their most lopsided conference win in nearly six years, according to ESPN.

"That's why we recruit," said third-year SJSU head coach Dave Wojcik. "They're good players but they've grown up pretty quickly and they're making plays."

Freshman guard Jaycee Hillsman led SJSU with 13 points and dished five assists.

Freshman guard Brandon Clarke had 12 points, eight rebounds, five blocks, two assists and two steals. Sophomore Jalen James returned from injury with 11 points in 11 minutes.

It's been a baptism by fire for a total of six underclassmen who have seen significant minutes this season.

The blowout victory was only SJSU's second win in its last eight attempts and its seventh this season.

The Spartans now sit at 7-15 overall.

SJSU has accumulated more conference wins (2) this season than

in the prior two seasons (1) combined — they finished winless in conference play last season.

Hillsman said the change of speed from high school to college and getting on the same page with the other newcomers has been a process, but Wojcik has been a big help.

"Coach Wojcik, he's really got us prepared for it," Hillsman said. "He coaches us everyday at practice so when we get out there there's is no thinking. It's all instincts."

It's been Clarke and fellow freshman Ryan Welage who have been standouts as of late.

Welage, a 6-foot-9 forward, is the second leading scorer on the team (11.7 points per game) and has finished in double digits in 14 of the 21 games he's played in, including a recent streak of five contests in which he averaged 19.8 points per game.

Saturday was the fifth time Clarke has scored in double digits over the last six games. He also helped SJSU hold Air Force to just 28.6 percent shooting from the field.

"[Clarke] does an unbelievable job of changing the game defensively," Wojcik said. "Whether it's a block or stop — a rebound. He does a great job. It is refreshing to have those guys contribute like they are but we felt that they would do that when we recruited them. The good thing is we have them for the next three years and they're just going to get better

and better each year."

Mixed in with the new faces are senior forward Frank Rogers, senior guard Princeton Onwas and junior guard Isaac Thornton.

All three provide valuable experience to the young guys, but also contribute with their play.

Rogers had eight points, Onwas added seven and Thornton did a little bit of everything.

He finished with seven points, nine rebounds, five assists and a pair of steals.

"[Thornton] is our glue guy. The team goes as he goes," James said of Thornton. "If he's playing well I think we all have a good chance of playing well."

Freshman forward Cody Schwartz, who was considered a four-star recruit by ESPN coming out of West De Pere High in Wisconsin and the crown jewel of Wojcik's 2015 recruiting class, was another bright spot for the Spartans.

At the beginning of the month he was held scoreless by Air Force and grabbed just one rebound.

Schwartz's 11-point, 8-rebound performance on Saturday marked the first time the 6-foot-8 forward has scored in double figures in back-to-back games since the new year.



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Princeton Onwas goes up for the float shot against Air Force.

He was fresh off an 18-point showing against Colorado State, in which he hit six 3-pointers.

"As I always tell them," Wojcik said. "I don't care if you're a freshman, sophomore or junior, you're either a player or you're not a player. It doesn't matter how old you are."

The Spartans are back in action Wednesday against rival Fresno State at the Event Center. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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Jennifer Gonzalez | South Bay Pulse

Fans reach out for autographs from Denver Bronco players passing by during Opening Night at SAP center in San Jose.

## San Jose gets its Super Bowl moment

By Daniel Reedy  
Sports editor

For the first time in Super Bowl history, the NFL faithful were granted the opportunity to participate in the kickoff event for the upcoming championship game. Fans were granted access to Opening Night, which replaced the conventional media day. The event allowed fans for any team the chance to share in the experience.

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## Gymnastics finds their rhythm

By Melissa Hartman  
Staff writer

The San Jose State women's gymnastics took first place overall in a quadrangular meet at the Event Center in front of more than 800 people.

The Spartans placed first in every event against Texas Woman's University, Seattle Pacific University and William and Mary University.

The SJSU women's gymnastics team had a rocky start to their season, coming in last at the first three meets. However, they finally found their groove on Friday night.

SJSU's first event was the vault, in which Erica Matos and Maddie Herr showed incredible strength and precision.

Matos ran at a solid speed, pushed off of the horse and wobbled a little on the postflight, but ultimately stuck the landing.

Herr's vault was flawless and was featured on the official Spartan Athletics Instagram account. They earned themselves a 9.800 and a 9.775. The vault team earned 48.700 altogether, putting them in first at the end of the rotation.

Alyssa "Tex" Kaschak and Rachel Heintz shined in the bars event. Kaschak earned a 9.750 and Heintz finished with 9.725. Kaschak's tiny stature helped her move through an incredibly rigorous routine.

Heintz gained her composure after going through pre-meditative mental exercises, and it worked considering her score. The overall bars score was 48.425.

SJSU's third event was the balance beam and was definitely the team's weakest area.

Kaitlin Won and Marissa Unpingco kept the team's score alive with a 9.800 and a 9.725.

Won's infectious personality showed on the beam, between her slow, exact movements that ensured

success.

"The beam was a little rocky, but we picked it up for floor," Won said.

Unpingco was up right after Allison Bellingham took a hard fall and miraculously recovered during her routine.

After an exuberant performance from Unpingco, SJSU finished the balance beam event with a score of 47.375.

Only one gymnast on SJSU's team, Alisa Bogdan, scored below a 9.600 for the floor rotation. Haleigh Shepard's attitude, bright smile and ability to be light on her feet earned her a 9.675. Matos excelled in her second event, earning a 9.800. The women's team earned a 48.325 for this event.

San Jose earned a total of 192.825 after all four rotations. Matos, Herr, Won and Shepard were all highlighted for their events.

"The whole team came together at the end," Matos said.

The only person that Matos and Won were willing to praise for her effort was Bellingham, who took a huge hit in her beam score.

"I'm so proud, because [Bellingham] saved an amazing fall," Won said. "She pulled it off, and she was really good."

Won had the best result for all around gymnast.

"Our goal is to win our conference championship to qualify for the NCAA regionals," said SJSU gymnastics coach Wayne Wright. "I think every week we get better and better, and if we can continue to do this, I think we'll have a real good chance."

The SJSU women's gymnastics team will have their next home meet against Boise State at the Event Center on Friday, February 19 at 7 p.m.

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**By** **Kavin Mistry**  
**Executive producer**

The men's basketball team, coming off one of the worst seasons in recent memory (finished 2-24, 0-14

It is well documented that San Jose State is a difficult school to recruit good talent, with Stanford University and UC Berkeley close by, the per-

The problem still staring the athletic coaches at SJSU is an incentive for top recruited athletes to come. It is even more difficult to recruit to a program that is scraping the pot to find D1 talent and can't receive efficient funding to build a new facility.

The Event Center, only holds a capacity of 5,000 fans, the smallest by far of any team in the Mountain West and hosted their biggest crowd of the season during Saturday afternoon's men's basketball game against Air Force at only 2,169.

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Byrd would become the fourth player in school history to ever eclipse the 1,000 point plateau.

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Riana Byrd will likely become the second female basketball player to reach 1,000 career points as a Spartan within the next couple of games. She also needs just 30 rebounds to reach 1,000 in a second category.

